

Hawaii MARINE LIFESTYLES

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Into the Blue



Hanauma Bay offers underwater wonderland

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Combat Correspondent

HONOLULU — Hanauma Bay is the number one snorkeling spot on Oahu, offering a variety of colorful fish and other sea life, ranging from the distinct barracuda to graceful sea turtles. The marine life conservation area of Hanauma Bay is located on a peninsula in clear waters near the southeast point of Oahu.

“Hanauma Bay is the very first protected marine life conservation,” said Elizebeth Kumabe, director, Hanauma Bay Education Program. “We’re very busy during the summer time, and we see about a million people a year.”

Despite millions of visitors over the years, the area remains pristine.

The 40 year-old conservation park was once a vacation spot for Hawaiian royalty — a significant endorsement of its beauty.

“We have a lot of marine life,” Kumabe said. “We would like for people to understand that it’s a busy place, so they need to plan accordingly.”

There is a \$5 charge to enter the conservation, but it’s free for service members, their families, local residents with proof of residency and children 12 years old or younger.

Before entering the beachfront area, visitors must watch a safety video about the reef and view a brief history of the bay.

“People need to be aware that they are entering a different environment, and the sea life could hurt you, or you could hurt them,” Kumabe said. “More than anything, people need to be safe.”

Kumabe said snorkeling isn’t for everyone, and snorkelers need to be aware of dangers like disorientation, salt water leaking into their mask and more.

The bay helps familiarize the public with the sea life by using community volunteers to run the information shack and other facilities.

“We talk to the people and help them out with fish identification, directions and help enforce some of the rules,” said De DeCrow, volunteer.

The bay also provides a snorkel rental shop for those who don’t own gear but are still interested in snorkeling.

Dwaine Habijamac, a resident of Cochrane, Alberta, Canada, recently spent one of his days enjoying the bay.

“Some of my friends recommended it and this is how we planned to spend our day,” Habijamac said. “We did some snorkeling, and everyone’s out here enjoying it.”

Kumabe said the three main areas to look for in the reef are the back door channel, keyhole and the cable channel.

The keyhole is an open space in the reef where swimmers can relax and observe the natural beauty, Kumabe said. The cable channel and the backdoor channel are reef exits for stronger swimmer or divers who want to venture further.

The bay is open six days a week from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is closed to the public on Tuesday. Every second Saturday of the month the bay is open until 10 p.m for the late night swimmers.

For more information, visit <http://www.hanaumabay-hawaii.com> or call 396-4229.



Visitors swim and snorkel at Hanauma Bay in Honolulu Nov. 15.



The conservation provides snorkel rental for a small fee.



Snorkeling visitors swim through the twists and turns of the reef.



De DeCrow (left), Jack Ohrlein (middle) and Helen Koch (right), conservation volunteers, help visitors at the park information shack.

Desert Diaries

Lance Cpl. Regina A. Ruisi
Combat Correspondent

Since 1965, the Marine Corps has effectively preserved its history through the Marine Corps Oral History Branch. The corps-wide program is conducted here by Capt. Diana Mearns, the historical program officer, who documents the accounts of Hawaii's service members. The warriors' stories are collected orally and join the ranks of thousands of Marines and Sailors who've come before them, dating back to the Vietnam War.

"Desert Diaries" tells the personal stories of pride and loyalty, humor and sadness, and the glory and horror of America's wars. The stories are provided by the base historian, and are published to help share our warriors' stories with the public.

Sergeant Earl Plumlee has deployed three times in support of the Global War on Terrorism. He's been to Iraq twice and deployed as part of a security force in the Philippines in his seven years in the Corps.

Now serving with 4th Force Reconnaissance Company, Plumlee joined the Marine Corps in May 2000, following the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Three days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror-

ist attacks, Plumlee and other Marines with Company A, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, were in the Middle East. The Marines guarded Iraqi waterways, ensuring no insurgent boats made their way through the country.

"It was pretty simple," Plumlee said of his mission in Iraq. "If we were in port, we'd come in and check piers to make sure attacks didn't happen. At sea, we'd stand watch to make sure smaller boats weren't coming."

The Marines spent a lot of time at sea. Of the seven months he was there, Plumlee said he spent no more than five days on land. This was a very different experience for the infantry Marines, who were spread throughout the fleet to serve as security.

"A couple times the boats would be making their runs, and we didn't know if they were boats with bombs and suicide bombers or if they were just trying to freak us out," Plumlee said.

The Marines used escalation of force to keep insurgents at bay. When a boat would approach, Marines would shoot to the side of the craft as a warning, and it wasn't until the boats came close that the Marines would shoot at them.

"Once their boat was hit, they'd turn

"We got a lot of good work done, and I feel like we really made a difference."

around," Plumlee said.

Plumlee's next deployment was to the Philippines in April 2004, where he served as security for American VIPs in the country for four months.

Plumlee's most recent deployment was to Iraq in the Spring of 2005. He deployed, for the first time, as a recon Marine with 4th Force Recon and conducted direct action missions.

"We'd be given any intelligence that was gathered, and we'd go out and locate high value targets," Plumlee said. "We were attacking the middle level insurgents of Iraq."

The Marines operated out of al Asad Air Base but went all over the western side of the country, conducting more than 200

raids during their six-month deployment.

"We'd get ... intelligence on where HVTs would be," Plumlee said. "We'd either fly in or hike in and do a raid on his place, and capture or kill him. Usually we'd get one guy, and he'd be so scared he'd start divulging information, that's why we had so many raids."

Plumlee said one of the most memorable raids was when a Marine threw a grenade into a room to clear it.

"There was a propane leak in the kitchen," Plumlee said. "The grenade went off, and the propane blew the roof off the kitchen. It just so happened that every Marine in the stack was standing in a window so nobody got hurt."

The amount of Marines conducting a raid depended on the size of the house or the number of insurgents inside. There could be as few as four or as many as 30 Marines on a raid, Plumlee said.

"It was a lot of fun," Plumlee said. "We got a lot of good work down, and I felt like we really made a difference. The deployment was over in the blink of an eye. Every day we had something going on and the next thing I knew, we were leaving."

Plumlee returned to Hawaii in May 2006 and is awaiting orders to a new duty station.

A Day in the Life ...

Story and Photo by Pfc. Achilles Tsantariiotis
Combat Correspondent

Editor's note: A Day in the Life is the Hawaii Marine's newest standing column. The column will be a unique perspective into the hundreds of military occupational specialties and Department of Defense occupations throughout the Marine Corps. The series gives appreciation to the thousands of service members, DoD employees and civilians who make Marine Corps Base Hawaii an installation of excellence.

Helicopters circle Marine Corps Base Hawaii and Oahu on a daily basis, which might cause some folks to wonder "Who's flying that thing? How can I do that?"

The answer is a lot of hard work. While some folks might simply view helicopter pilots as privileged, the truth is that the Marines behind the controls traveled a long road to get where they are, and travel an even longer road to stay there.

Imagining a cooler job might be impossible, but flying comes at a price.

First, there are two years of flight training. Failing a course, or a variety of other things for that matter, can crush a pilot's dreams.

Once a pilot earns his wings, the majority of his time is usually spent planning to fly, attending or giving briefings and accomplishing a multitude of collateral duties.

Welcome to the world of aviation. The prestigious job is often exciting,

and always challenging.

"I love it," said 1st Lt. Brandon Busch, helicopter second pilot, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363. "It's exhilarating to be in the air, soaring the skies. I wouldn't want any other job."

After November 2004 and earning his wings November 2006, the CH53 Sea Stallion pilot ended up in Hawaii. Getting here meant studying difficult topics like aerodynamics, according to Busch.

After becoming a pilot

there are still difficult goals involved in flying.

Busch now has roughly 315 flight hours under his belt as an H2P.

When he reaches 500 hours, he'll have enough to reach the level of aircraft commander.

"You have to go on a 'hack board,'" said Capt. Dan Webster, aircraft commander, HMH-363. "The board is pretty much along the same lines of a meritorious promotion board, except it's a bunch of other aircraft com-

manders asking you questions on judgment and knowledge."

Being responsible for an expensive piece of machinery and Marines' lives is obviously not something pilots take lightly.

Busch, like many junior pilots, realizes this and works hard to prepare for greater responsibility.

Much like Marines across the hundreds of career fields throughout the Corps — except Busch often does his preparation hundreds or thousands of feet in the air.



1ST LT. BRANDON BUSCH



The Middle East in Brief ...

Commentary, analysis and short lessons on politics, history and current events in the Middle East

Ken Griffin
Managing Editor

Who is Muqtada al-Sadr

Muqtada al-Sadr is a Shiite militia leader, political figure and Muslim cleric in Iraq.

Sadr started making news in 2003 by issuing religious edicts against what he calls the U.S. "occupation" of Iraq and Iraqi politicians who act as U.S. puppets. As many Marines know first hand, his "Mahdi Army Militia," or "Jaish al Mahdi" in Arabic, has fought Coalition Forces around Iraq, especially in Baghdad and the south.

Still, he's managed to control various Iraqi government ministries and exert pressure on certain portions of Iraqi Security Forces — although Coalition Forces are working diligently to erase any Sadr or sectarian influence in the ISF.

Sadr's father was Grand Ayatollah Muhammad al-Sadr, a respected Shiite religious leader who was assassinated by Saddam Hussein's agents in 1999. The event was symbolic of Shiite oppression and significant in the Shiites' resistance campaign against Saddam.

If it weren't for Sadr's revered father and power base, it's unlikely he would have any power in the Shiite community since he has no formal religious training. The preeminent Shiite cleric for religious matters in Iraq remains Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani (a consistent voice for peace and reason in Iraq).

Sadr's main power base is Najaf and the expansive

See IRAQ, B-3

MOVIE TIME

Prices: Friday and Saturday 7:15 p.m., shows are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Sunday matinee is shown at 2 p.m. Shows are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Evening showings on Sunday and Wednesday are at 6:30 p.m. and late shows are shown Friday and Saturday at 9:45 p.m. Cost is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

For ticket pricing, the Base Theater Box Office defines an adult as a patron 12 and older and defines a child as a patron from 6 to 11. Children 5 and younger are admitted free of charge. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 and younger. Patrons must present their military identification card when purchasing tickets. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

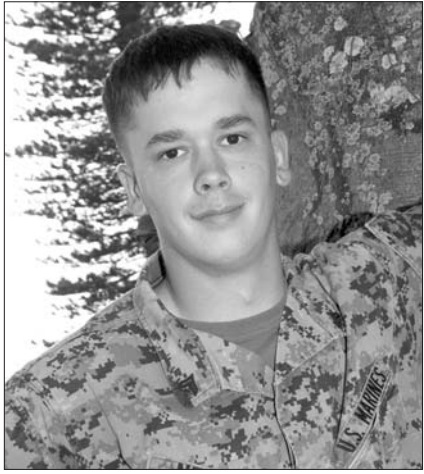
Sneak Preview Policy: One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

In an effort to prevent piracy, the following security measures will be enforced on base for sneak preview screenings: bag checks, confiscation of cameras or cell phones with picture taking capability (items will be returned after screening), magnetometer wand, audience scanning with night vision goggles during screening.

The Base Theater and film companies thank you in advance for your cooperation and hope you will enjoy the show. For recorded information, call the Base Theater at 254-7642.

Good Luck Chuck (R)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
The Heartbreak Kid (R)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
The Game Plan (PG)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
The Kingdom (R)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
The Seeker: The Dark is Rising (PG)	Sunday at 2 p.m.
The Heartbreak Kid (R)	Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
The Kingdom (R)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
The Seeker: The Dark is Rising (PG)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG-13)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.

Movie review: ‘Beowulf’



Cpl. Rick Nelson

Combat Correspondent

assigned a certain number of “microwaves” on a scale of one to five to rate its “reheat factor.”

If the film is in theaters, it will be assigned a certain number of service stripes on a scale from one to five.

In other words, the more microwaves or service stripes the film receives, the better and more entertaining it is to watch.



Rating: 4 out of 5 service stripes

Director Robert Zemeckis brings new meaning to “3D,” with the new hit movie “Beowulf,” in theaters everywhere since Friday.

To be honest, I had no idea the actors were computer animated until Angelina Jolie, who played a demon water monster with a tail, appeared lacking traits a human female should have.

The story begins in sixth century Denmark, and the domain of King

Hrothgar, voiced by Anthony Hopkins, is under attack from a hideous demon named Grendel.

After the demon nearly slays everyone in the village, the king vouches to give half his fortune to anyone who kills the monster and relieves the town’s terror.

Around this part in the cinematic adventure, the audience meets the heroic Beowulf, a Geat warrior, voiced by Ray Winstone. He arrives and vows to defeat the dominant primordial beast, bringing safety back to the small Denmark town.

After a little fiesta to celebrate the heroic savior’s arrival, Beowulf was ready to get to work and immediately strips down to his birthday suit. What other way is there to fight a 20-foot monster but in the nude?

So the green monster, in dire need of tubes in his ears, finally shows up and fights Beowulf to the death. Obviously, after a few close calls, he beats the snot out of the beast, and becomes the most loved and desired person in the village.

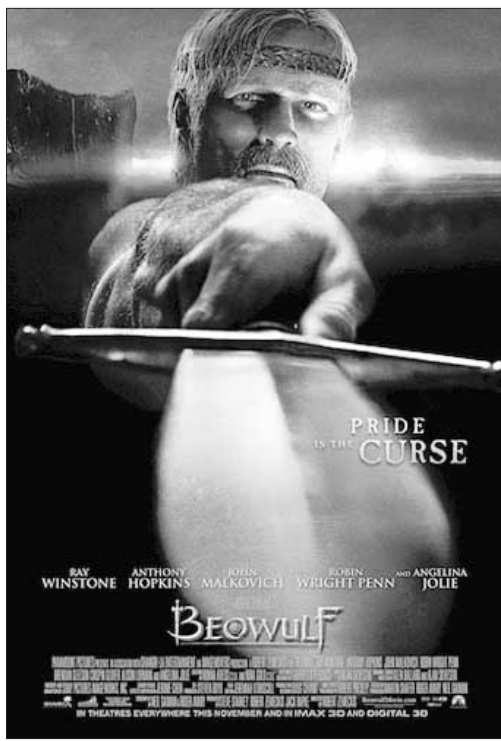
Little did the people know, Grendel got his temper from his momma and remember, “hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.”

After celebrating the defeat of Grendel and kicking back a few sixth century brewskis, Beowulf is abruptly woken to the sight of all his men hanging from the ceiling.

Realizing the job wasn’t complete, Beowulf heads toward the mountains in search of what he was expecting to be a hideous creature, but what he finds may surprise everyone — and makes the 3D effects much better.

I’ll leave it at that and not spoil the ending for all you moviegoers. I highly suggest this movie for many reasons, one being “Beowulf” is probably the oldest told tale in the English language.

Although it’s computer animated, it’s definitely not for younger audiences with its crude sexual and vul-



gar humor and violence.

So if you’re up for seeing a great 3D movie, get on your goofy glasses, put some butter on your popcorn and get ready for two hours of your life that you will not regret like you would if you chose “30 Days of Night.”

Book review: ‘Gates of Fire’



Pfc. Ethan Hoaldrige

U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific

heroes like Chesty Puller, John Basilone and recent Medal of Honor recipient Jason Dunham.

“Gates of Fire” is about the Battle of Thermopylae and what led up to it – where a brave few stood against many. The story is told from the perspective of a helot, or slave, who was the sole survivor.

A Spartan and Greek coalition fought against the Persians, led by King Xerxes and his multitude of soldiers.

In the book, Xerxes was so amazed by the fierceness and courage of the Spartan’s fighting that he assigned his personal surgeons to keep the helot alive to tell the story.

According to Herodotus, a Greek historian from that time period, 300 Spartans and their allies faced a Persian army of two million men marching to enslave all of Greece before continuing their march to Europe.

The Greeks knew, being so greatly outnumbered, they were marching to their deaths. But, they also knew delaying their enemy might save a nation from tyranny.

“In years 600, no Spartan woman has beheld the smoke of the enemy’s fires. By ... all

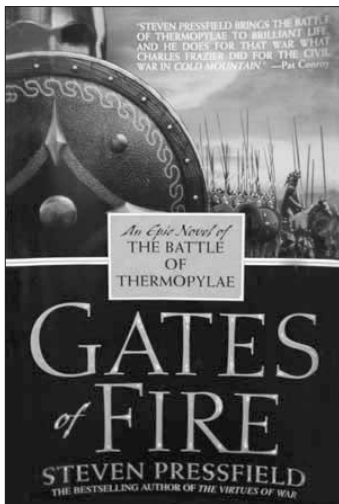
the gods and heroes who defend Lakedaemon and by the blood of my own flesh, I swear that our wives and daughters, our sisters and mothers, will not behold those fires now,” Leonidas says in the book.

The Marines are no different when fighting to protect their country. Their love for country and their brothers in arms closely resembles the Spartans.

The Spartans verbally display this patriotism and brotherly love in a creed much like the Marine Corps Rifleman’s Creed.

*This is my shield.
I bear it before me into battle,
But it is not mine alone.
It protects my brother on my left.
It protects my city.
I will never let my brother out of its shadow,
nor my city out of its shelter.
I will die with my shield before me
facing the enemy.*

The Spartans also have their pride, and fierceness toward the enemy. Chesty Puller’s quote, “We’re sur-



rounded. Well, that simplifies the problem,” is easily compared to Dienekes attitude when he responded to a passerby who was knowledgeable about the Persians’ military strength.

The man said the Persians have so many archers that with their arrows they could blot out the sun. Dienekes responded, “Good. Then we’ll have our battle in the shade.”

This book mirrors the Marine Corps’ history of fighting in wars when facing insurmountable odds, and the Spartans’ training as children could remind devil dogs of their time in boot camp.

It’s inspirational and teaches courage and leadership. It’s on the Marine Corps Reading List for a reason.

TALK STORY WITH K-BAY

What are you doing on Black Friday?



“I’ll be going to the University of Hawaii game and possibly looking at a new truck.”

Lance Cpl.
Michael Barger
machine gunner
2nd Battalion
3rd Marine Regiment



“After I get off work, I’m going to go home and help my family. Then I’ll go shopping for Christmas and get ready for the holidays.”

Sati Tauanuu
Marine Mart



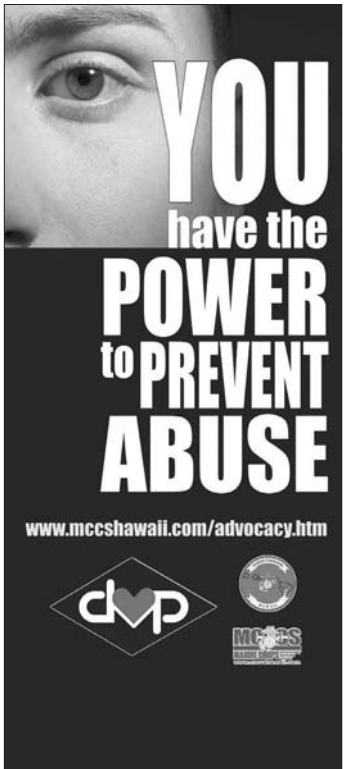
“I’ll be going surfing and trying to stay as far away from the stores as possible.”

Sgt. James Gotovich
3rd Radio Bn.



“I’m going to stay away from the stores since I’m not a big shopper. I’ll take my wife to the beach.”

Cpl. Joseph Snyder
3rd Radio Bn.



IRAQ, from B-2

Sadr City slum in Baghdad. Sadr City used to be “Saddam City,” but the Shiite population there changed the name after Saddam’s fall in 2003. He also enjoys wide support in al-Kut, Karbala and other Shiite-dominated cities.

Although it’s a subject of contention, Sadr’s militia receives material and monetary support from Iran, according to multiple Multi-National Force - Iraq officials. Sadr’s also hidden in Iran on occasion, where he has family and a support system. However, Sadr is a fierce nationalist and

maintains at least the appearance of a strict separation of Iraqi politics and religion autonomy from Iran, unlike other Shiite groups such as the Supreme Islamic Council in Iraq and it’s Badr Brigade (formerly the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, named after the Iranian Shiite revolution).

The young cleric has maintained his network by providing services and jobs for lower and middle class Shiites. In some Shiite areas and neighborhoods, Mahdi militiamen handle garbage pickup, water delivery and various community services.

Although he continues

to provide services, many analysts are questioning how much control Sadr actually has over his militia. Many factions have splintered off and are involved in criminal activities and (often Iranian-backed) insurgent activities unsanctioned by Sadr. And, Sadr himself, for fear of assassination, is often out of the country or in hiding. Nevertheless, he’s still a major player in the Iraqi political scene and unlikely to completely go away anytime soon.

SPOTLIGHT ON BASE

Word to Pass

Army/Navy Game at the O’Club

Come to the Officers’ Club Dec. 1 at 7 a.m. to see the biggest college football rivalry of the year, the Army/Navy game. The event is open to members and sponsored guests.
For more information, call Don Figueira at 254-7650.

Volunteer Opportunities for Special Olympics

The Special Olympics Holiday Classic is quickly approaching, and the organization still needs volunteers. More than 750 athletes will compete in basketball and bowling aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Hickam Air Force Base and Naval Station Pearl Harbor between Nov. 30 and Dec. 2. Volunteers are taken on a first come/first serve basis, so sign up as soon as possible.
To volunteer or for more information, e-mail Cindy at volunteers@specialolympics.org or visit http://www.specialolympicshawaii.org.

Christmas Donations for Deployed Troops

Mokapu Elementary School second and fourth graders need donations of wrapping paper, ribbons and tape to support their “Care Packages for Deployed Units” program this year. Students and teachers plan to send Christmas items to service members deployed from Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Donation boxes are located outside Buildings B and D classrooms.
For more information or to volunteer your help, contact Julie Soares at 254-3395 or e-mail coach63246@aol.com.

Toys for Tots Donations

The Comptrollers Office, Payroll Branch, on the first floor of Building 216, is accepting Toys for Tots donations through Dec. 4.
For more information, call Carol at 257-7734.

Marine Corps Base Hawaii

Command Religious Program

RECURRING RELIGIOUS MINISTRIES ACTIVITIES

RELIGIOUS SUPPORT

Roman Catholic (MCBH Chapel)

Daily Mass	Tuesday–Friday	11:45 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Sailor–Marine Mass	Sunday	5 p.m.

Protestant (MCBH Chapel)

Liturgical Service	Sunday	8 a.m.
Contemporary Service	Sunday	11 a.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

POC is Chaplain Daniel Whitaker at MCBH Chapel, 257-1501/216-0156

Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel Pearl Harbor (Bldg. 708) located across from Makalapa Medical Clinic
POC is Mr. Daniel Bender, 523-4814

Jewish Bible Study	Monday	6:30 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday	7:30 p.m.
Shabbat Morning Services	Saturday	8:15 p.m.

Wiccan Fellowship

Contact Chapel for more information

Islam

Main Post Chapel, Schofield Barracks (Bldg. 791)
POC SSgt Abdelwahed, 624-3325

(Jumah) Prayer	Friday	1 p.m.
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On the Menu AT ANDERSON HALL

Friday
Dinner
Roast turkey
Beef pot pie
Mashed potatoes
Buttered egg noodles
Calico corn
Simmered broccoli
Savory bread dressing
Turkey gravy
Cranberry sauce
Lemon chiffon pie
Chocolate chip cookies
Marble cake w/chocolate frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Lime/raspberry gelatin

Saturday
Dinner
Baked lasagna
Chicken parmesan
Spaghetti noodles
Marinara sauce
Italian mixed vegetables
Simmered peas and carrots
Garlic bread
Cherry pie
Ginger molasses cookies
Spice cake w/butter cream frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Strawberry/lemon gelatin

Sunday
Dinner
Barbeque beef cubes
Baked turkey and noodles
Steamed rice
Creole green beans
Simmered cabbage
Chicken gravy
Sweet potato pie
Chocolate chip cookies
Yellow cake w/chocolate chip frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Cherry/orange gelatin

Monday
Lunch
Meat loaf
Pork ham roast
Tossed green rice
Mashed potatoes
Peas & mushrooms
French fried cauliflower

Brown gravy
Boston cream pie
Peanut butter cookies
Peanut butter cake
Peanut butter cream frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Lime/raspberry gelatin
Specialty bar: Pasta

Dinner
Beef brogul
Baked cajun salmon steaks
Potatoes o'brian
Noodles jefferson
Club spinach
Mixed vegetables
Brown gravy
Desserts: same as lunch

Tuesday
Lunch
Simmered corned beef w/apple glaze
Honey glazed cornish hens
Parsley buttered potatoes
Rice pilaf
Fried cabbage with bacon
Simmered carrots
Chicken gravy
Mustard sauce
Blueberry pie
Oatmeal cookies
Strawberry shortcake
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Cherry/strawberry parfait
Specialty bar: Taco bar

Dinner
Baked tuna & noodles
Sweet & sour pork
Pork fried rice
Steamed rice
Simmered broccoli
Simmered pinto beans
Turkey gravy
Chow mein noodles
Desserts: same as lunch

Wednesday
Lunch
Five spice chicken
Beef yakisoba
Shrimp fried rice
Vegetable stir fry
Corn o'brien
Banana cream pie

Oatmeal chocolate chip cookies
Carrot cake w/cream cheese frosting
Vanilla/chocolate cream pudding
Lime/raspberry gelatin
Specialty bar: Hot dog & sausage

Dinner
Steak smothered w/onions
Southern fried catfish
Mashed potatoes
Baked macaroni and cheese
Southern style green beans
Fried okra
Brown gravy
Desserts: same as lunch

Thursday
Lunch
Turkey a la king
Beef stroganoff
Steamed rice
Boiled egg noodles
Peas & carrots
Simmered mixed vegetables
Turkey gravy
Peach pie
Cheese cake w/blueberry top
Chewy nut bars
White cake
Mocha cream frosting
Chocolate/vanilla cream pudding
Orange/strawberry gelatin
Specialty bar: Country bar

Dinner
Braised liver w/onions
Honey ginger chicken
Chili macaroni
Grilled cheese sandwich
Rice pilaf
Boiled egg noodles
Lyonnaise carrots
Club spinach
Chicken gravy
Desserts: same as lunch



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Ads are free and will appear in two issues of Hawaii Marine, on a space-available basis.
Those interested in advertising must bring a valid DoD-issued ID to the Hawaii Marine Office.
Makepono may be used only for noncommercial classified ads containing items of personal property.
Forms may be filled out Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the MCB Hawaii Public Affairs Office located in Building 216, room 19, aboard Marine Corps Base, Kaneohe Bay.



Sergeant Marlene King, adminstration noncommissioned officer, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, reads with Spragling during a tutoring session.

Volunteer Marines tutor local students

Story and Photos by
Pfc. Ethan Hoaldrige

U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific

A young child slowly sounds out words in a book, syllable by syllable, as a Marine coaches him through each sentence.

Palisades Elementary School's reading and writing scores are going up, and the Adopt-a-School Program is helping.

The Adopt-a-School Program has been in action for four years, putting students, kindergarten through sixth grade, in one-on-one tutoring sessions with volunteer Marines.

"Our school has put much more focus on stu-

dents' reading and writing skills the past few years," said Karen Machida, Palisades curriculum coordinator. "The tutoring program is a wonderful tool that helps us develop those skills, and we need all the help we can get from volunteers."

The school is small and the staff is stretched thin, Machida said.

Marines from U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific, who tutor at Palisades and three other schools in the surrounding area, volunteer their time to fit that need in the community.

The Marines attended a training session with Machida to learn the Sonday System, a multi-sensory teaching tool for reading and writing.

The students participate in drills assisting them to hear, speak, see and write.

"The Marines and other volunteers that help us tutor the children are doing a great job, and we can see a definite improvement in the children's test scores throughout the year," Machida said.

Sergeant Christopher Hubbard began tutoring at Palisades in August.

"I can see the difference every day I come here," said Hubbard, intelligence noncommissioned officer, MarForPac. "The younger children can identify letters and their overall understanding of reading and writing has improved."

One kindergarten student at Palisades could-

n't do that before. But, with 30-minute tutoring sessions twice a week, he can now read simple sentences and write his alphabet, according to Hubbard.

The teachers select the students and the students continue learning the entire school year with the same tutor, according to Machida.

"The students not only improve their reading skills but build a spirit of confidence as well," Machida said. "They're more focused in class, and they have sense of pride. The rapport the Marines build with the students is wonderful."

Marines can train and volunteer anytime throughout the school year. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Obi Rogers at (808) 477-8955.



Sergeant Christopher Hubbard, intelligence noncommissioned officer, MarForPac, tutors Yolanda Spragling, Palisades Elementary School first grader, and Adam Ilaban, kindergartener, in reading and writing as part of the Adopt-a-School Program, Nov. 14.

Honolulu Symphony Pops heralds holidays with festive music Dec. 7

Press Release

Honolulu Symphony

Honolulu — Holiday wishes may come true when music legends The Four Tops and The Spinners join the Honolulu Symphony Pops for a Motown Christmas Dec. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. at the Blaisdell Arena here.

The Honolulu Symphony would like to thank the military and wish them a merry Christmas by offering half price tickets.

Maestro Matt Catingub leads the upbeat hit parade at this festive celebration of friendship and joy, featuring favorite holiday songs and Motown classics such as "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie Honey Bunch)" and "Reach Out I'll Be There."

Motown Christmas concertgoers are invited to bring a toy to donate to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Toy donors receive a 20 percent discount coupon off their next Symphony ticket purchase.

The Motown Christmas double-bill at the Blaisdell promises an array of entertaining, festive music. Share the experience with friends and

family or simply enjoy a wonderful date night: you'll love every song. The Four Tops will entertain with timeless hits including "Baby I Need Your Loving," "Standing In The Shadows Of Love" and "Ain't No Woman (Like The One I've Got)."

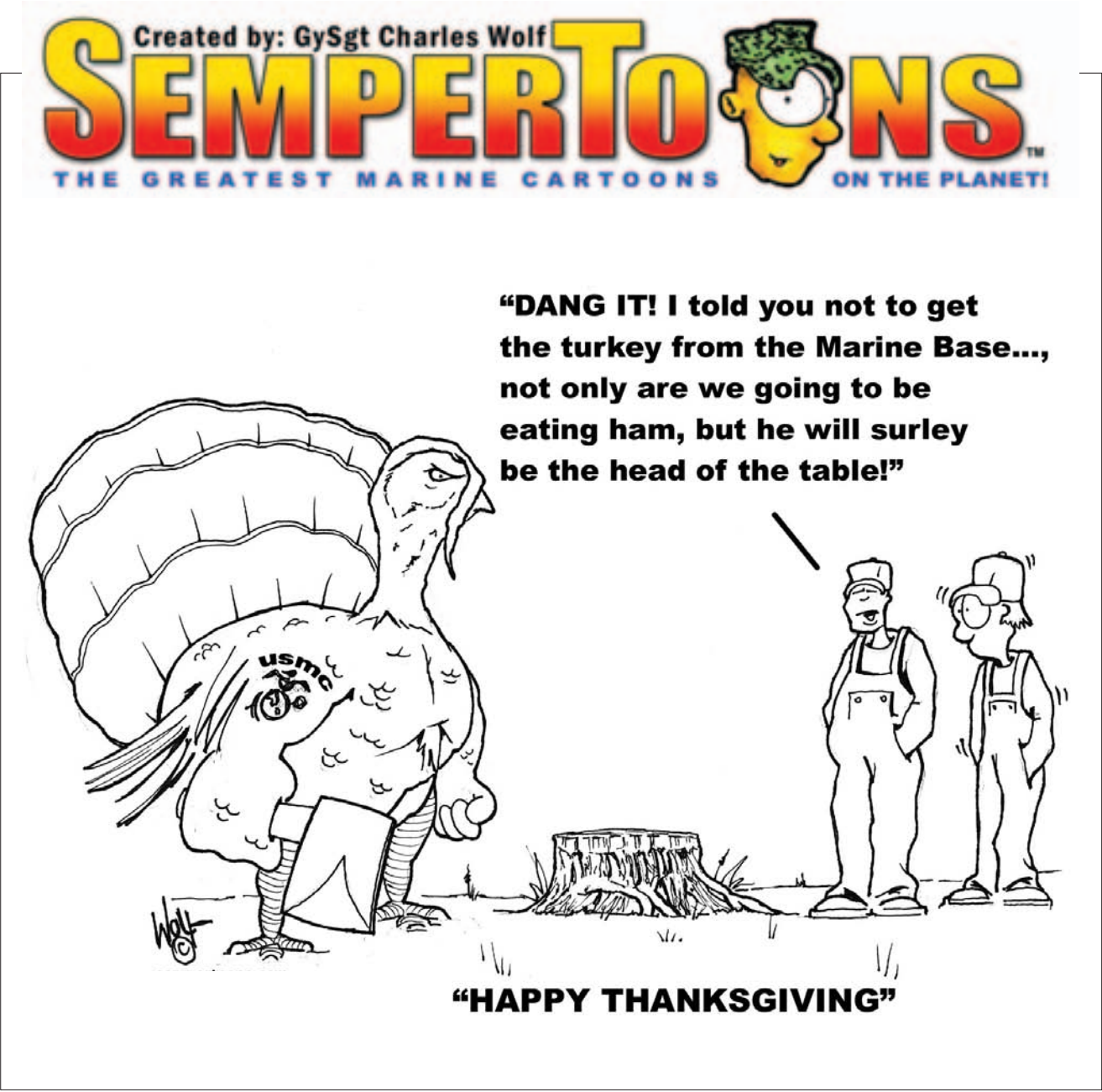
Plus, you'll enjoy Spinners classics such as "Could It Be I'm Falling in Love," "I'll Be Around," "Working My Way Back to You" and "Then Came You."

Rounding out the concert program are holiday classics such as Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" and "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)," which was originally recorded by the Nat King Cole Trio.

Any active duty service member or National Guard member can purchase up to six tickets per ID. Call the Box Office at (808) 792-2000 (days) or (808) 524-0815 ext. 245 (evenings) for more information.

Tickets are also for sale at Blaisdell Box Office and through Ticketmaster by calling by calling (877) 750-4400 and all Ticketmaster outlets.

For more information, visit <http://www.honolulusymphony.com>.



AROUND THE CORPS

Staff Sgt. Bradley S. Gilmer, a Marine Air Ground Task Force planner for Marine Forces Reserve, and Sgt. Stephanie M. Twichell, a Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense chief for MFR, volunteered to hand toys to children.



Students at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary enjoyed a slide and makeshift playground while they waited for "Christmas in November." The school was selected as one of the distribution points for this year's Toys for Tots Foundation's toy give-away.

Marines, Sailors, volunteers play Santa for Toys for Tots

Story and Photos by Sgt. Johnathan D. Herring

Marine Forces Reserve

New Orleans — Mayor C. Ray Nagin, Marine Forces Reserve personnel and local volunteers gave toys to children at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School here Nov. 13.

Gunnery Sgt. Carlos Walker, MFR Toys for Tots coordinator, gave students a history lesson on the Toys for Tots Foundation, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary, before joining the volunteers in handing out toys.

"Christmas isn't the same to some of these children without the Marines being here to hand out toys," explained Walker. "They come from underprivileged families who can't afford much, and in some cases, can't afford anything. They've come to look forward to it every year."

Visit or contact your local Marine Corps Reserve command to find out more about Toys for Tots or to donate.



Staff Sgt. Bradley S. Gilmer and Sgt. Stephanie M. Twichell, both with Marine Forces Reserve, were more than eager to pose for photos for the local press who were at Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary, New Orleans, Nov. 13, for a Toys for Tots distribution where underprivileged children had the opportunity to play games before they received toys donated from corporations and individuals across the country.